

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 as follows:

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/463,259, filed April 16, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/489,629, filed July 24, 2003, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The invention relates to the field of optical metrology to determine properties of a sample, e.g., a thin film structure.